LCO No. 5565

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES AT STATE FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this section:
- 3 (1) "Pesticide" means a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, an
- 4 herbicide or a rodenticide, but does not mean a sanitizer, a
- 5 disinfectant, an antimicrobial agent or a pesticide bait in a tamper-
- 6 proof container;
- 7 (2) "Microbial pesticide" means a pesticide that consists of a
- 8 microorganism as the active ingredient;
- 9 (3) "Biochemical pesticide" means a naturally occurring substance
- 10 that controls pests by nontoxic mechanisms;
- 11 (4) "Lawn care pesticide" means a pesticide registered by the United
- 12 States Environmental Protection Agency and labeled pursuant to the
- 13 federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act for use in lawn,
- 14 garden and ornamental sites or areas except (A) a microbial pesticide
- or biochemical pesticide that is registered with the United States

- 17 registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency
- 18 and does not contain any synthetic pesticide or synergist, or (C) a
- 19 pesticide classified by the United States Environmental Protection
- 20 Agency as an exempt material pursuant to 40 CFR 152. 25;
- 21 (5) "Certified pesticide applicator" means a pesticide applicator with
- 22 (A) supervisory certification under section 22a-54 of the general
- 23 statutes, or (B) operational certification under section 22a-54 of the
- 24 general statutes, who operates under the direct supervision of a
- 25 pesticide applicator with said supervisory certification;
- 26 (6) "Controlling authority" means the executive head of any state
- 27 agency or public institution of higher education who is responsible for
- 28 the maintenance of any property under the custody, control or care of
- 29 such state agency; and
- 30 (7) "State agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 4-37e
- of the general statutes except The University of Connecticut Research
- 32 Farm shall not constitute a state agency for purposes of this section.
- 33 (b) No person other than a certified pesticide applicator shall apply
- 34 pesticide on any property that is under the custody, control or care of
- 35 any state agency, except a person other than a certified pesticide
- 36 applicator may make an emergency application of pesticide to
- 37 eliminate an immediate threat to human health, including, but not
- 38 limited to, the elimination of mosquitoes, ticks and stinging insects,
- 39 provided (1) the controlling authority determines such emergency
- 40 application of pesticide to be necessary, (2) the controlling authority
- 41 deems it impractical to obtain the services of a certified pesticide
- 42 applicator, and (3) such emergency application of pesticide does not
- 43 involve a restricted use pesticide, as defined in section 22a-47 of the
- 44 general statutes.
- 45 (c) No person shall apply a lawn care pesticide on the grounds of
- any property that is under the custody, control or care of any state
- 47 agency, except an emergency application of pesticide may be made to

eliminate an immediate threat to human health, including, but not limited to, the elimination of mosquitoes, ticks and stinging insects, provided (1) the controlling authority determines such emergency application of pesticide to be necessary, and (2) such emergency application of pesticide does not involve a restricted use pesticide, as defined in section 22a-47 of the general statutes.

(d) Prior to providing for any application of pesticide on the grounds of any property that is under the custody, control or care of any state agency, the controlling authority shall, within the existing budgetary resources available to the controlling authority, provide public notice of such application not later than twenty-four hours prior to such application of pesticide. Such public notice shall be posted on the Internet web site of the applicable state agency. If a controlling authority determines an emergency application of pesticide to be necessary pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, such notice shall be given as soon as practicable. Notice under this subsection shall include (1) the name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied, (2) the target pest, (3) the location of the application of pesticide on the grounds of the property that is under the custody, control or care of such state agency, and (4) the date or proposed date of the application of pesticide. A copy of each notice of such application of pesticide at property that is under the custody, control or care of any state agency shall be maintained by the applicable controlling authority for a period of five years from the date of application of the pesticide and available to members of the public.

Sec. 2. Section 10-231a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

As used in sections 10-231b to 10-231d, inclusive, [and section 19a-79a,] (1) "pesticide" means a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, a herbicide or a rodenticide, but does not mean a sanitizer, disinfectant, antimicrobial agent or pesticide bait in a tamper-resistant container, (2) "lawn care pesticide" means a pesticide registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and labeled pursuant to the federal

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81 Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act for use in lawn, garden and 82 ornamental sites or areas. "Lawn care pesticide" does not include any: 83 (A) Microbial pesticide or biochemical pesticide that is registered with 84 the United States Environmental Protection Agency, (B) horticultural 85 soap or oil that is registered with the United States Environmental 86 Protection Agency and that does not contain any synthetic pesticide or synergist, or (C) a pesticide classified by the United States 87 88 Environmental Protection Agency as an exempt material under 40 CFR 152.25, [and] (3) "integrated pest management" means use of all 89 90 available pest control techniques, including judicious use of pesticides, 91 when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or below an 92 acceptable level, while decreasing the use of pesticides, (4) "microbial 93 pesticide" means a pesticide that consists of a microorganism as the 94 active ingredient, and (5) "biochemical pesticide" means a naturally 95 occurring substance that controls pests by nontoxic mechanisms.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section
Sec. 2	from passage	10-231a